

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 2, 2012

A special meeting of the Town of Hounsfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 PM at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, for the purpose of acting on organizational resolutions and appointments for 2012. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, C'man Stephen Lee, C'man Todd Farrington, C'man Vincent Battista, and newly elected C'man Dick Young.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista to approve the Town of Hounsfield Procurement Policy and Procedures for 2012. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista to approve the Investment Policy for the Town of Hounsfield of 2012 with the addition of Watertown Savings Municipal Bank as a depository on page 2 with a maximum amount to be determined and the designated officer as the Supervisor. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution #12-01, establishing date and time for Town of Hounsfield Board meetings for 2012. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution #12-02, adopting policies and designations for 2012.(investment policy, procurement policy, Watertown Daily Times official newspaper, Key Bank, HSBC Bank,Community Bank, WSM Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank, and Cape Vincent Bank official banks for Town funds) All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man by Farrington for Resolution #12-03, authorizing signatory and payment duties for 2012. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution #12-04, approving appointments for 2012, adding Gertrude Karris for Planning and ZBA secretary and Marlene Lennox for Zoning Enforcement Officer.

After discussion by the Board a roll call vote was taken: C'man Battista voted no, C'man Farrington voted no, C'man Lee voted yes, C'man Young voted yes, and Supervisor Scee voted yes and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista to amend Resolution #12-03 in part to read, Supervisor and Clerk to the Supervisor to pay necessary utility bills between monthly meetings. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for part of Resolution #12-05, to appoint Ginnie Savage for a 4 yr. term to the Planning Board. In a roll call vote: C'man Battista voted yes, C'man Farrington voted yes, C'man Lee voted yes, C'man Young voted yes, and Supervisor Scee voted yes and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young for part of Resolution #12-05, to appoint Yvonne Podvin for a 5 yr. term to the Planning Board. After discussion a roll call vote was taken: C'man Battista voted no, C'man Farrington voted yes, C'man Lee voted yes, C'man Young voted yes, and Supervisor Scee voted yes and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for part of Resolution #12-05, to appoint Timothy Queior for a 5 yr. term to the Zoning Board of Appeals. In a roll call vote: C'man Battista voted yes, C'man Farrington voted yes, C'man Lee voted yes, C'man Young voted yes, Supervisor Scee voted yes and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee noted that there is still a vacancy on the Recreation Committee that will be filled at a later date.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for Resolution #12-06, establishing salaries and wage rates. After a decision for planning and zoning secretary rate to stay at \$20 mtg, all voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for Resolution #12-07, establishing highway department wage rates for 2012. All voted aye and

the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution #12-08, authorizing professional development and training for Town staff, elected officials and boards/committees. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution #12-09, authorizing purchases by the Highway Department for 2012. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution #12-10, authorizing health insurance/vision care premiums for 2012. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for Resolution #12-11, authorizing Town Highway department uniform agreement for 2012. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista for Resolution #12-12, establishing fees for services. After discussion the “at the discretion of the Town Clerk” concerning the 25 cent copy fee was removed. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution #12-13, establishing mileage rate for official Town business. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution #12-14, appointment of David Renzi as the attorney for the Town of Hounsfield for 2012. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young for Resolution #12-15, establishing a change in water rates for Water District 2 as follows: The quarterly water rates for each property served in Water District 2 is \$80 per quarter for 0-10,000 gal. And \$3.50 per 1,000 gal over 10,000 gals. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for Resolution #12-16, establishing a change in water rates for Water District 3 as follows: The quarterly water rates for each property served in Water District 3 is \$80 per quarter for 0-10,000 gals and \$3.50 per 1,000 gal over 10,000 gals. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

For 2012 Supervisor Scee asked C'man Battista to work with the Fire Department and represent the Town Board on the Bed Tax Committee. C'man Young was asked to work with Hay Memorial and East Hounsfield Libraries. C'man Farrington was asked to stay with the Recreation Commission, Cemetery Committee, and the Highway Department. C'man Lee will remain Deputy Supervisor and will work with the Water Districts.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for Resolution #12-17, appointing Dennis Whelpley as attorney for Town of Hounsfield Galloo Island legal matters only. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Councilman Farrington informed the Board that the Town was denied grant funds on the TigerII application for highway construction.

The floor was opened for comments and Christine Eggleston that the Board create job descriptions with performance standards for the appointed positions and she would be willing to help with the descriptions. C'man Lee agreed that it would help to have those tools.

Sharry Rogers also spoke and suggested that there be a report periodically on the progress of Galloo Island from Attorney Whelpley and she thanked the Board for the appointment of Marlene Lennox as Zoning Officer and she asked that the salary be restored to what it was two years ago.

Marlene Lennox thanked the three Board members that voted to appoint her to Zoning Officer once again. She assured the entire Board that she will work hard, as she did before, and she is excited to start. She added that people in the community are not volunteering to sit on board and committees now because of the controversy that has been involved in our Town government.

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Yvonne Podvin thanked the Board for her appointment to the Planning Board and the existing members of the Planning Board for their support and hopefully the Town government will move forward with civility.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk